Reviews the reports on the working of the Mysore Merchandise Marks Regulation.

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Reports from the District Magistrates of Districts on the working of the Mysore Merchandise Marks Regulation during the year 1927-28.

ORDER No. P. 2219-26—LEGIS. 11-28-9, DATED 12TH OCTOBER 1928.

Recorded.

2. Two hundred and twenty-five shops were inspected during the year as against two hundred and ten in the previous year.

3. It is unsatisfactory that no shops were inspected during the year in some of the taluks in the Bangalore, Mysore and Chitaldrug Districts and that this work has received no attention at all in the Mysore City for some years. Government note that the District Magistrates of these Districts have issued necessary instructions to the officers concerned.

4. It is observed that six cases of shortage beyond the permissible limits were detected in the Bangalore District. The District Magistrate is requested to report the action taken in these cases.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

ELECTRICAL SECRETARIAT.

Reduction of Meter Hire to 8 annas per month for pumping installations to encourage development of irrigation by pumping.

READ—

Clause 5 of para 1 of G. O. No. E. D. S. C4-11, dated the 12th June 1927, directing that a rate of 1·5 of an anna per unit be charged for power consumed, without a minimum and with a meter hire of Re. 1 per meter, in the case of pumping installations for agricultural purposes.

2. Representation by several members at the Standing Committee of the Economic Conference in *re* reduction of rate for pumping.

3. Chief Electrical Engineer's letter No. 34,500, dated the 17th August 1928, stating that he is not in favour of reducing the rate for power supply, but that a reduction may be made in the meter hire from Re. 1 to annas 8 per meter per month.

ORDER No. E. D. S. 440-47, DATED 5TH OCTOBER 1928.

In view of several representations for reduction of rate for power to pumping installations, the Chief Electrical Engineer was asked to examine the question once more. From his letter referred to above, it is seen that Government is not deriving any profit from power supply for pumping, as the gross return even on the additional capital invested on such installations is only about 2·5 per cent.

2. However, Government are pleased to sanction the Chief Electrical Engineer's proposal to reduce the meter hire from Re. 1 to annas 8 per meter per month in view of the several representations made and in the interests of development of irrigation by pumping.

3. In this connection, Government observe that in several cases of pump installations already put up, the supply available in the well seems too small to find sufficient work for pumps, and this is one of the reasons why the pumps are frequently not proving sufficiently advantageous. The Chief Electrical Engineer is therefore requested to encourage, as far as possible, installations of pumps, if the well has adequate supplies.

K. R. SESHACHAR,
Secretary to Government,
Electrical Department.